

ARTICLES

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Luxemburg, Marquis of the higher and
lower Lusatia, &c.

And the High and Mightie Prince

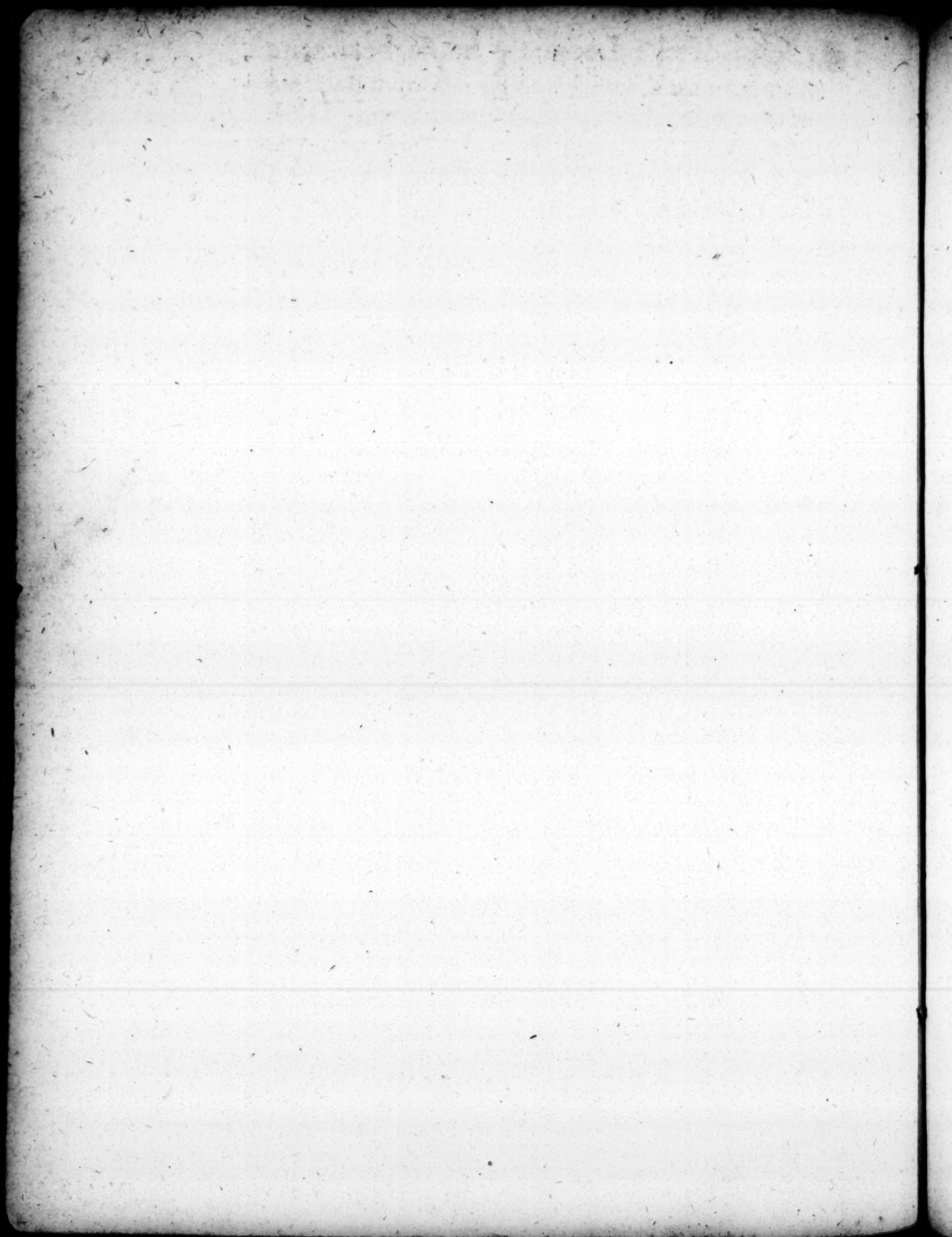
GABRIEL,

Prince of Hungaria and Transilvania,
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Siculen, &c.

Together with the States of the afore-
said Kingdome, &c.



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Articles of the League , made betweene

FREDERICK King of *Bohemia*, Count Palatine of the *Rhine*, Elector of the sacred Empire, Duke of *Banaria*, Marquis of *Moravia*, Duke of *Silesia* and *Luxemburg*, Marquis of the higher and lower *Luzatia*, &c.

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IN the Name of the most holy and inseparable Trinitie, GOD the Father, the Sonne, and the Holy Ghost; the most Wise, Righteous, and mightie Ruler of all Lords, Princes, and Kingdomes, to whom bee all honour and prayse eternally. *Amen.*

We, FREDERICKE, by the grace of God, King of *Bohemia*, Count Palatine of the *Rhine*, Elector of the sacred Empire; Duke of *Banaria*, Marquis of *Moravia*, Duke of *Silesia* and *Luxemburg*, Marquis of the higher and lower *Lusatia*, &c. Send greeting to the said famous Realme of *Bohemia*, the Margrauehip of *Moravia*, the Dukedom of *Silesia*, the vpper and neather Margrauehip of *Luzatia* (as incorporated Prouinces with the said Kingdome) and to the higher and lower States of the Archdukedomes of *Austria*, and to all and euery

one of them in particular , to whom these Presents shal or may in any wise appertaine: signifying vnto them , That although many yeeres since there hath beene a strong and perfect bond of confederacie, vnitie, peace, and league, had and held from time to time, betweene the famous Kingdome of *Bobemia* , together with the incorporated and vnited Prouinces thereof, and the famous Kingdome of *Hungaria*, as sufficiently appeareth by diuers and seuerall Treaties made and held in *Vienna*, *Presburg*, and elsewhere, whereof, on both sides, Writings and Articles were drawne, made, and written, which both parties, long time inuiolably and firmly haue held, obserued, & maintayned, vntill certayne turbulent and vnquiet persons, haue sought and practized to set variance betweene them, thereby to breake and dissolue their said League and perfect Vnitie. Whereupon, the States of the Kingdome of *Bobemia*, and the Margraueship of *Moravia*, by their Ambassadors, did most friendly certifie the Prince of *Transilvania*, for that time being, together with the States of the Kingdome of *Hungaria*, not only long since in the raigns of the Emperours, *Rodulphus* and *Matthias*, of famous memorie, deceased, to certifie them

them that then were assembled and had met together, to agree vpon, and to make a firme League of Amitie betweene them, but now also presently haue sought vnto and desired them, that touching the earnest renewing, strengthening and better confirmation of their said ancient League and Amity, they would not withdraw, nor shew themselves backward. Which insinuation (as it appeareth) being friendly and willingly accepted and liked of by them, Wee also hauing a great desire thereunto, (beeing perswaded that we haue not wel performed our charge, duty, touching the furtherance & aduancement of the said Confederation betweene the said Kingdomes and Prouinces) vnlesse we shew our selues wholly desirous and addicted to the said renewing, restoring, and declaration of the said often desired league, as also to shew that thankfulness and gratuity which we are bound to yeeld vnto the famous Prince of *Hungaria* and *Transilvania*, and the States of the said Countreyes, for hauing vouchsafed at such times as wee were oppressed with troubles and Warres, to send vs aide.

Therefore to requite the same, We haue not beene slacke, willingly to consent, and
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agree vnto their request and desires, that by the aide and helpe of God, this religious, fruitfull, most commendable and profitable worke, for all Christendome, according to all good Christians desires, might happily proceed and goe forward, and the League by certaine necessary Couenants renewed, increased, and strengthened, (by the Articles insuing) with the famous Prince *Gabriel*, by the Grace of God, Prince of *Hungaria*, and *Transilvania*, Earle of *Siculen*, and the States of the famous Kingdome of *Hungaria*, then assembled in *Presburg*, vpon the ordinary day of assembly there holden, (his said Maiesty giuing his Princely word and assurance, touching the same, with full authoritie, for and in the name of the States of the Principalitie of *Transilvania*, and the three Nations; for that by reason of the distance of places, and longnesse of the way, they could not send their speciall and particular Ambassadors) made by the most Noble, Honorable, Valiant, wise, and discreet persons, *George Fredericke*, Earle of *Hohenboe*, Baron of *Langenbrucke*, *Boleslauia*, *Cosmenes*, and *Krulich*, one of ours and the Kingdome of *Bobemia's* counsell of warre, Generall of the Armie, Colonell of three thou-

thousand footmen, and a thousand Horsemen, and Knights. *Henry Matthias*, Earle of *Thuern*, Baron of *Crutz*, *Willisch*, and *Lesdorf*, Burgrau of the Castle of *Carloftem*, one of ours, and the Kingdome of *Bohemia's* Councell, Chiefe Generall of the Campe, and Colonell of three thousand footmen. *Leonardus Colonus*, free Baron of *Fels* and *Scheuckenberch*, Baron of *Englsbourgh*, *Buchauw*, *Schenaum*, and *Hachberustein*, Marshall of the Armie, Captaine of six hundred Horsemen. *Iohannes van Bubna*, Lord of *Tzwischij*, and *Boranietzij* Sergeant Maior, and Colonell of a thousand Horsemen. *Paul Wostersby Kæplerum*, Lord of *Sulewitz*, *Wotizcij*, and *Salutzsi* Colonell of the *Ingēners*, and of fiftene hundred Footmen. *Paul Gschinium* of *Pragh*, Receiuer for the States and Kingdomes of *Bohemia*. *Iohannes*, Baron of *Wurben*, Lord of *Wlassenie*, *Lateni*, *Brudetz*, and *Biscupitz*. *Paul Wolbram*, Lord of *Frisbergh*, Prouinciall Burgrau of the Margraueship of *Morauia*. *Bernardus Tzastriziel* in *Namisch*, *Fredericus Meniardus*, and *Georgius Millerus* Counsellors of *Inuimands*, in the Marquisate of *Morauia*. For the Duke-dome of *Silesia*, and the States of the two
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Margraueship of *Luzatia*, because they for the distance of the places, and length of the way, could not send their speciall Ambassadors hether, (for whom the Kings Maiestie of *Bohemia* giueth his Princely word, and taketh their Commission vpon him with full authority.) The Lord *Erasmus van Laudaw*, free Baron of *Haus*, and *Rapelstein*; *Andreas Thonardi*, free Baron of *Theruberg*; and *Reckberg*, Lord of *Ouerbasfing*; *Georgius Christopherus*, *Rouberus* Lord of *Reinegk Obrem*, *Trixen*, *Zacharium*, and *Stanzherum*, Iudge of the Prouincial Law in neather *Austria*, *Georgius Erasmus* Baron of *Tseruembl*, Chiefe Sewer of the Dukedome of *Carnolia*, and Margraue of *Sclauonia*; *Iohannes Ortolpheus Tezman* of *Geylsbach*, and *Freidenegk*, and *Balibarus Klesselboden*, Counsellors of *Steinen*, Ambassadors for both the Arch-Dukedomes of *Austria*, sent with full and sufficient power to the said Parliament, in the Kingdome of *Bohemia*, We consulted, agreed, and concluded as followeth.

First, That continuall, perpetuall and an inseparable league of vnity, peace, & friendly amity, shall bee holden, and truely and vprightly maintained, and obserued, from
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henceforth by and between the Kingdome of *Bobemia*. The Margraueship of *Moravia*, The Dukedome of *Silesia*, the vpper and neather Margraueships of *Luzatia*, and the States thereof, as Prouinces incorporated one with the other, and consequently, betweene, and with the true Kings of *Bobemia*, Margraues, Dukes, Barons, and their Successors, as also betweene the higher and lower Arch-Dukedomes of *Austria*, and the States thereof, that now are or hereafter shal bee, and the King or Prince of *Hungaria*, and the Kingdomes and Prouinces annexed to the said Crowne. The Prince of *Transilvania*, and those parts of the Kingdome of *Hungaria*, now annexed to the said Principalitie of *Transilvania*, as also with all the States thereof, that now are, and which hereafter shall bee.

2. Secondly, If at any time hereafter, (by what Enemy soeuer procured) the common and mutuall peace shall be perturbed, by inuading of the Kingdomes or Prouinces of the said Confederates, directly or indirectly, contrary to their said League, or if any of them, deceitfull breaking off from the said League, or the Participants therein, shall inuade vs or any of them, that then wee

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shalbe holden & bound, with all our means, and power, and also with our liues, and the thedding of our dearest bloud, to ayde, helpe, and assist each other, in and for the maintenance of this our League and Confederacy, and therein and for the same bee ready to liue and die. Neuerthelesse, with such preparation and power as the necessity of the case of either side requireth, or shall require, and shall in time be requested as in the future common agreement of the said confederated Kingdomes and Prouinces, specially concerning the defence thereof, shall be concluded and set downe.

3. Thirdly, all of vs shall take and haue a speciall and earnest care for the aduancement and inlarging of this Confederation, by accepting the alliance of the Countreyes bordering about vs, that so it may bee more and more strengthened, but not without the knowledge, will, and common counsell and consent of the Confederates, vpon condition that those Countreyes, that are desirous and seeke to be admitted into this League, shall first be bound with the like Oath and promise that wee are, and that being done, shalbe participants of the ayde, freedom, & profit therof, as other Kingdomes and Prouinces, cōtained in the said League, now are.

4. Fourthly, The Articles of agreement in this inuiolable and perpetuall Confederance, made betweene the said Kingdomes, Prouinces, and States thereof, and in the behalfe of their Heires and Successours, shall as well by vs that are now liuing, as by our said Heires and Successors for better and surer maintenance thereof, vpon euery day of generall meeting, be repeated, rehearsed, and openly read in Court, and presence of of the Assembly. And likewise, euery fift yeere at a certaine time and place, with the consent of all the Confederates, order shall bee taken for the meeting and common assembling of the said Confederates, at the which Assembly, all such disorders and controuerfies, as by chance shall formerly haue bin committed & happen, touching the maintenance of the Articles and contents thereof, may in time be holpen and preuented, or as the state, necessitie and conuenience of the time requireth, may be augmented, and made manifest and cleerer.

5. Fiftly, Without the knowledge, will & consent, of the confederated Kingdomes and Prouinces, it shall not be lawfull for any of vs, to make any offensive or defensue preparation, yet if any Inuasion be made in any

of the said Kingdomes or Prouinces, or that any towne feared of inuasion, to be made by the enemy, that bordereth vpon any of the Confederates, shall happen, before any helpe may bee had, or proceed from the other confederated Prouinces, or that they may haue intelligence thereof, in that case, it shall be lawfull for any of the said confederated Kingdomes and Prouinces, in the meane time, to defend themselves by armes against the enemy, as well as they can. Likewise, it shall not be lawfull for any of vs, particularly of our selues, to make peace or truce with any new or future enemy and disturbers of the common peace, of the incorporated Kingdomes and confederated Prouinces, as defenders of them, our confederacie leauing the rest of their Confederates, without the licence and consent of the rest of the said confederates. And common & solemne peace being agreed vpon, those persons shall therein be containned, that for the publike seruice (either politike or marshal) haue vsed all the diligence they could, for the aduancement of the said kingdom and Prouinces. It shall also not be granted nor permitted to any of the Kings, Princes, and Lords (without the leaue and good

good will) of the said Kingdomes and Prouinces, to begin any open warre, much lesse to put or place any strange Souldiers into garrison in any of the said confederated Townes, Kingdomes, and Prouinces, nor to permit any troupe or troupes of Souldiers to passe through their Countries, Townes, or Prouinces, or to licence them to depart.

6. Forasmuch as that the said Kingdomes and Prouinces, can by no meanes be preferred and vpholden, vnlesse the borders and passages of the Kingdome of *Hungaria* be maintayned and defended. Therefore, We the said King of *Bohemia*, and the States of the same Kingdome, together with the aforesaid incorporated Prouinces, as also of vpper and lower *Austria*, considering, that at this time the state of that Kingdome is yet very vnquiet, and the greatest part thereof laid waste and ouer-run, and that We, with the great costs and charges of our Armie, are continually burthened, and are likely daily to haue more burthens and troubles fall vpon vs, yet to shew forth the cause of our true and willing assistance, Wee will from hence forth continue that payment, which before this time yeerely hath

hath beene ordinarily and vsually paid towards the Garrisons, and the maintenance of the Marches and Borders of the Kingdome of *Hungaria*, by euery confederate Prouince or Countrie, according to their portion. Which also in the next generall Assembly of the Confederates, shall be truely set downe, and made knowne. But hauing better considered of the welfare of the common cause, Wee are content to encrease the said summe with the value of fifty thousand Dollers of 70. Krutzers the peece, in ready money. But yet that it shall be held, reckoned, and accounted, to proceed only from Our good wills and neighbourhoods, for the maintenance and securitie of the aforesaid Kingdoms and Prouinces, and that the said summe shall not be employed, but only for the payment of the Garrisons, and the defence of the Borders of the same, as also that there shall bee certayne Commissioners appointed specially to looke vnto it. And if it shall so fall out, that the said Borders shall haue any need or occasion (as being ready to decay) to be repayred and fortified, We will not be slacke (as Confederates) to enlarge and encrease some contribution towards the same, as by friendly request

quest made by the Lords of *Hungaria*, shall be motioned and desired.

7. Seuenthly, specially, and before all things it is necessary, that peace should not bee renewed with the Turke, but only an ambassage, motion, and treatie; agreed vpon and constantly continued, and therefore from all the Kingdomes and confederated Prouinces, there shall be some sent to the *Ottomans* countrey, to renew, determine vpon, and strengthen the said peace. Touching the counsell, and furthering of this good and most necessary businesse, his Maiestie hath of himselfe vndertaken the care and proceeding thereof, and to send his particular ambassage, as also that ours of the Kingdom of *Bobemia* and the Prouinces bordering vpon it, shall goe with it, and that then euery one for his part take order for and prepare the Presents, and other costs and charges, that shal be necessary and conuenient, for the setting forth of the same ambassage.

8. Eightly, the confederated Princes & Lords, to shew their good and true neighbourhood, to their Confederates & Allies, will take care presently in the beginning of Lent (if no waightie and important hindrance

rance thereunto doth not in the meane time happen) by certayne Cōmissioners on both sides equally thereunto appointed, to ratifie and confirme the Borders of the Kingdome of *Hungaria*, *Moravia*, *Silesia*, and *Austria*, for the which there hath beene so long and continuall strife.

9. Ninthly, vpon request made by his Maiestie, and the States of the Kingdome of *Hungaria*, touching the good of those of *Austria* (to the great hinderance of the Kingdome of *Hungaria*) vntill this time with-holden (although true members of the said Kingdome) and now at last againe appropriated to the said Kingdome of *Hungaria*: The confederated Princes, to signifie their good neighbourhood and confederacy, will take order, that things shall bee brought to a good conclusion, and will therein bee Mediators and helpfull, that the same may be restored againe.

10. Tenthly, In the confederated Provinces and Kingdomes, in euery place, when and where they will, they shall all hold generall meetings and assemblies, with this respect, notwithstanding, that the Lawes, Freedomes, Priuileges, and ancient Customs of the particular Kingdomes, Provinces

uinces, States, Townes, Commonalties, and Persons of the same, shall on both sides bee maintayned and obserued.

11. Eleuenthly, that the bond of amitie betweene the Confederates may bee the stronger : The value of the Mint shall bee made alike in the said Kingdomes, and confederated Prouinces, and the Moneyes with good correspondence & limitation on both sides, Minted : and that in the next generall assembly of all the Confederates, in a convenient place (after the assembly of the whole Kingdoms) a certaine limitation and taxe shall be made of the greater moneyes, and that the smaller moneyes and the grof-
fest, shall hold all one course, whereof it shall bee needfull that a Publication should be made in all Kingdomes.

12. Twelfthly, If in proceffe of time any difference or question, touching the Contract of the League, should chance to happen; the confederated Kingdomes and Prouinces, vpon request made by one of the said parties, shall appoint a place, whereunto all of them comming, the controuerfie shall be declared, and the difficultie thereof being decided, it shall (by the order and vp-right proceeding of the said Confederates) be determined : and there it shall be requi-

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red, and by either side appointed, in a cause necessarily concerning them, as aforesaid, that the said partie Plaintife, vpon request made by the Confederates, shall vpon the general day of Parliament or Assembly, send thither their speciall ambassage. To the end, that any such waightie difference, which by chance may happen among the confederated Kingdomes and Prouinces, may openly and speedily be agreed vpon and ended: and in *Hungaria*, the King, Prince Palatine, and the Councell of *Bobemia*, & other confederated Lords, shalbe appointed as Protectors in that case, and in whom the fault shall first be found, to appease and pacifie the same.

13. Thirteenthly, That by a most strict and perpetuall Law it shall be ordayned and prohibited, that in no places of the confederated kingdomes and Prouinces, there shall be any Iesuites permitted to reside, nor be resident; neither that any man, of what state or condition soeuer he be, man or woman, high or low, vnder any pretence or shew whatsoeuer, secretly or openly shall vphold, maintayne, entertayne, or harbour any of them, much lesse vse them in any ambassage, either spirituall or temporall, for the Commonwealth; neither that any King, Prince, or any of the States in their particular

lar places, shall vse their counsell or aduice; that also they shall not bee preferred to any dignitie, vnder what pretence soeuer they shall be called thereunto, vpon payne of notable disloyaltie and perpetuall banishment. The execution whereof shall bee referred to the States of the Kingdome or Prouince, wherein the offender, in this case, shall haue had his residence.

14. Fourteenthly, When any helpe for the warre, or protection against any enemye of the confederated Kingdomes and Prouinces, shall be required and sought for, and to that end be sent into this Kingdome, or to the confederated Prouinces, the chiefe Commanders shall haue their dependance from the King of *Bobemia*, the Burgraue, the principal Captaynes of the Prouinces, Presidents, Collonels, and generall Captaynes, and shall proceed in their affaires against the enemy by common consent. And such Souldiers as are sent to aide them, shall certainly bee paid by them that sent them, and thereby bee held in better order, seruice, gouernment, & obedience, that they may not haue any pretence or seeme to be sent, rather for the spoyling and ouerthrowing, then the defending, of the Gentlemen, common people, and the Countrie: and specially, according to the confederacy, they must not bee suffered to spoile Noblemens houses, free towns, Churches, Parishes, and Hospitals. And lastly,

that all such shall by the confederated Lords in their owne Kingdomes and Prouinces, bee enquired after, and discharged of their seruice.

15. We haue thought it good and conuenient, as also the other Lords of the confederacie, that if any books of the affaires of the Kings priuiledges, or any written Copies, touching the Kingdome and the confederated Prouinces, in former times kept in any place (especially after the restitution of the holy Crowne of the Kings of *Hungaria*) in *Bohemia*, or in *Austria*, or that may there be found, that speedily, vpon the first request made, all and euery one of them shall be giuen againe, and without any delay truly deliuered to the States to whom they belong.

16. And that among vs, all mutuall fidelity, friendship, good will, and diligent neighbourhood and confederated League, may bee obserued and vpholden. If at this present there be any hostilitie, betweene, or among the confederated Kings, Princes, kingdomes, Prouinces, and their States, and Inhabitants, from this time forward, it shall, and must be wholly ended, and for euer left off and forgotten.

17. And if any man shall presently or hereafter be iudged to be banished, from, or out of one kingdome or Prouince of the Confederates, he shall not be receaued into, nor entertayned in any other of the kingdomes or Prouinces in the
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said Confederacie, but in like sort shall bee banished from thence: And further, in all the confederated kingdomes, hee shall bee held and accounted to be a banished man, and it shall not auaille him, that without the knowledge of the other kingdomes and Prouinces, he hath againe beene pardoned and receiued into grace and fauour (neuerthelesse, reseruing the authoritie of Kings and Princes, of restoring such persons againe into the grace and fauour of their kingdomes and Prouinces, with the consent of the States thereof.) But if any such banished person or offender, shall chance to haue fled into, and saued himselfe in any of the confederated kingdomes or Prouinces, and shall therein be found, the principalest of that Kingdome or Prouince, shall (as aforesaid) bee bound, without any exception or excuse, simply and truly, to send that banished and wicked person, to that kingdome or prouince, wherein hee receaued that iudgement of banishment and punishment.

Lastly, Euery King or Prince (now, or in time to come) of the kingdomes and Prouinces, that haue made and confirmed this League of confederacy, and promised that they will doe their best to vphold and maintayne the same, and gouerne his kingdome accordingly, shall by their force, power, and protection, proceeding from the same, with the consent of the States thereof,
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freely vse the same against all their enemies. And if contrary to all hope and meaning, any of them both, against the freedome of Religion and publique priuiledges therein granted, shall doe to the contrarie, thereby seeks to subuert and overthrow them; in that case the States thereof shall be free and discharged of their homage and oath of fidelitie, and shall haue full power and perpetual authoritie to speake against them and to resist them, & for that cause shall not by any man bee blamed or accused of treason: and for the maintayning of this Confederacy, by all and e- uery particular person that is receaued therein- to, as aforesaid, the King or Prince, at the so- lemnisation of his coronation, shall take a so- lemne oath, that he will hold and maintayne the same, and be bound thereunto.

Therefore, We the aforesaid King of *Bohe- mia*, and all the States of the confederated king- domes, as also of higher and lower *Austria*, doe promise for Our selues, Our heires and succes- sors, without dissimulation, to vphold and ob- serue (all the aforesaid Articles of this agree- ment and confederated League, and all and eue- ry particular point therein containd, as they are registred in the originall, word by word) willingly, and with a perpetuall, constant, and vniforme desire, and also promise that the same shall in like sort be vpholden and obserued, con- stantly,

stantly, religiously, and inuiolably, as well as possible we can or may, and as firmly and resolutely, as if the same had *verbatim* beene decreed vpon, and publikely ordayned and confirmed at the generall Parliament or meeting, of the Kingdome of *Bohemia*, the Margraueship of *Moravia*, the Dukedome of *Silesia*, the Margraueship of higher and neather *Lusatia*, and also of the higher and lower *Austria*; certainly hoping, that it will so fall out, that on the other side, the aforesaid confederated Lords haue determined and decreed, all together, and euery one particularly, vprightly, constantly, and religiously, to obserue, vphold, and maintayne the same, and that with good neighbourhood, correspondence, and vnitie, the same will daily more and more be strengthened, and firmly grounded; which Almighty God, Authour, encreaser, and protector of all lawfull contracts and confederacies, of his great mercy vouchsafe to graunt. And for the better and firmer witnessing of this perpetuall League, We haue here vnder subscribed Our hands, and caused Our seales to bee thereunto annexed.

Giuen in the Castle of Prague, vpon the generall day of meeting of all the confederated Kingdomes and Prouinces.

Anno 1620.

And wee, the aforesaid Ambassadors of the
puissant King, and the famous Kingdome of *Bo-
hemia*, and of the incorporated Prouinces, as al-
so of the lower *Austria*, with absolute and full
power, being ordayned and deputed to bee at
the consulting, treating, handling, and confer-
ring of this confederacie, approue all and euery
particular things and points that are contayned
in this accord of the perpetuall League, and in
signe of our vndoubted fidelitie, beleue and are
perswaded, that by his Maiestie the King of *Bo-
hemia*, and the States of this Kingdome, and the
confederated Prouinces thereof; the same shall
by a speciall authentique Copie, vnder hand and
seale, bee sent to the Prince and Kingdome of
Hungaria and *Transilvania*, and to that end we
haue hereunto put our hands and scales; giuen
in *Presburg*, in the open and generall meeting,
the 15. of Ianuarie 1620.